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h. It may not be superfluous to state with respect to the ordinary cost-of-living allowances that foreign allowances may accurately reflect the actual cost of living at a given post. Territorial cost-of-living allowances, on the other hand, are restricted by statute to 25 percent of base pay rates, irrespective of how wide the gap is between living costs in Washington and at the Territorial station. This limitation has resulted in the serious situation presently in where the prices are very much in excess of those in the United States. Legislation which has been submitted to Congress would eliminate one major difference between the treatment of Federal employees at territorial posts and those

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at foreign posts and would permit, where clearly justified, establishment of territorial cost-of-living allowance rates at more than 25 percent of base-pay rates, as is now authorised for foreign posts. It is assumed that has been accorded the maximum allowances permissible to the military under

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